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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

Section 1, Special Branch

REPORT

Date October 8, 1937

Subject Allegations against G.P. Larin, Chairman of the Governing Board of the Russian Mutual Credit Corporation.

Made by S.S.I. Prokofiev. *Forwarded by* C. Crawford D.S.

On September 17, 1937 two Russians named G.L. Rubanoff and G.V. Chumakoff, respectively, called on Mr. G.P. Larin, Chairman of the Governing Board of the Russian Mutual Credit Corporation, 614 Avenue Foch, and showed him a photographic copy of an application alleged to have been made by him to the local Soviet Consulate in January, 1937 for permission to return to the U.S.S.R. (Appendix "A").

Larin immediately declared the document to be a fake. However, the three individuals agreed that the matter should be thoroughly investigated into, in view of public interest it presented. For the purpose of comparison of his handwriting with that appearing in the document Larin volunteered to make a copy of the document in question in his own handwriting in the presence of Rubanoff and Chumakoff. (Appendix "B").

After an unsuccessful attempt on the part of the latter two individuals to obtain an opinion of a handwriting expert regarding this matter, a commission was formed on October 3 at the request of Larin in order to investigate the origin of the document as well as the truth of the allegations it contained.

Attached herewith together with a translation is a photographic copy of another document alleged to have been written by Larin at the time of making the application referred to above.(Appendix "C"), of the existence of which Larin so far has no knowledge. No explanation was also offered to him by Rubanoff and Chumakoff as to the source from which the two documents had been obtained.

Apart from being a prominent member of the Russian Mutual Credit Corporation, Larin acts as a secretary to the General Committee of Russian Emigrants' Association in Shanghai

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(National Committee) . The significance of the allegations against him, therefore, will be easily understood by the local Russian community. Should the allegations prove to be false, it will be of interest to establish the source of their origin. In this connection it will be recalled that in april, 1937 an attempt was made by an employee of the local Soviet concern EXPORTHLEB to induce Larin to work for the Soviet government (Vide report dated 14-4-37).

C.Kubanoff and C. Chumakoff mentioned above are members of the "National Union of New Generation", a Russian national-patriotic organization the office of which is at present located at 859 Weihaiwei Road.

Further report will be submitted on this matter in due course.

G. Prokopiev
D. S. I.

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Appendix "A"

Translation from Russian

Name in full:	LARIN, Georgy Pavlovich.
Date & place of birth:	August 24,1900,Orenbourg.
Citizenship (before & now):	Russian. Emigrant.
Single or married:	Married.
Education,principal profession:	Graduate of a Middle School and the Habarovsk Military Cadets School.
Reason of journey,where to and for how long:	To Moscow, for permanent residence.
When and by what document have you departed from USSR,and through which frontier:	Retreated to China in 1922 together with detachments of the White Army.
Your last dwelling place in USSR:	Russian Island, Vladivostok.
To which political party did you belong:	I sympathise with the All-Russia Communist Party (Bolsheviks).
Have you any relatives in USSR and their exact address:	Father- Pavel Kosmich Larin; mother-Sofia Efimovna Larina; brothers-Nicolas and Vladimir. Their addresses are not known to me.
Address abroad:	9 Rue Paul Henry,Flat 8, Shanghai, China.

Informing you of the above about myself I beg

(Signed) G.P. Larin.

Consul's remark:

Consulate of the USSR at.....No.....193.....

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Date ~~December 30, 1940~~.

Subject G.P. Larin - Allegations regarding connections with Soviet authorities declared unfounded.

Made by D.S.I. Prokofiev. *Forwarded by* D.I. Crawford.

On December 29,1940 an announcement appeared in the local Russian emigrant newspapers to the effect that the Governing Board of the Russian Emigrants Committee,having considered a report dated 27-12-40 of a special commission appointed by the Committee for the purpose of investigatin of certain allegations made against Mr. G.P. LARIN, Managing Director of the Russian Mutual Credit Corporation, unanimously endorsed the opinion of the commission and decided to have its report published in the press and regard this matter as finally closed.

Appointed on 8.11.40 and consisting of Messrs N.A. IVANOFF, D.B. LANIN and D.V. KOCHNEFF, the commission in question ,after carrying out a detailed examination of all documental data etc. relating to the case,has reached the following conclusion:-

(1). "The whole affair is either an act of provocation on the part of local Soviet agents or an attempt of a black-mail on the part of certain unworthy members of the Russian community who are apt to resort to any base means in order to attain their aims.

(2). The allegation that Mr. Larin has been connected with the local Soviet authorities is utterly absurd and entirely without foundation and therefore should be disregarded.

(3). In view of the above Mr. Larin should be recognized as a person enjoying full rights in the local Russian community and absolutely cleared of all accusations made against him in connection with this matter.

(4) To submit the findings of the commission to the Russian Emigrants Committee for approval."

The particulars of the case referred to in the above announcement form the subject of report dated

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Appendix "C"

Translation of statement alleged to have been made by G.P. LARIN when applying to the local Soviet Consulate for permission to return to the USSR.

STATEMENT

I, the undersigned Georgy Pavlovich LARIN, hereby declare that beginning from 1918 I have been conducting an active struggle against the Soviet Government. It seemed to me that I was serving a great cause in the interests of my Motherland.

Having realized the futility of my struggle against the USSR, I wish to atone for my guilt by working for the welfare of my Motherland and to become an honest Soviet citizen. In proof of my sincerity I honestly promise to struggle against any enemies of my Motherland -whiteguardists and the Japanese- exposing by every means their harmful activities.

(Signed) G.P. Larin.

January 11, 1937
Shanghai.

THE FAR EASTERN TIMES, DECEMBER 29, 1940.

(and other Russian newspapers).

Дѣло Г. П. Ларина закончено

Постановленіе правленія РЭК

Правленіе Русскаго Эмигр. Комитета в засѣданіи своем от 27-го декабря заслушало заключеніе комиссіи, выбранной правленіем Комитета из своего состава 15-го ноября с. г. в лицѣ Н. А. Иванова, полк. Д. В. Кочнева и пор. Д. Б. Ланина для разсмотрѣнія дѣла Г. П. Ларина.

Разсмотрѣв постановленіе комиссіи под предсѣдательством полк. Г. К. Бологова по дѣлу Г. П. Ларина особая комиссія правленія Русскаго Эмигрантскаго Комитета вынесла нижеслѣдующую резолюцію: Город Шанхай, 27-го декабря 1940 года. Мы, нижеподписавшіеся, Н. А. Иванов, Д. Б. Ланин и Д. В. Кочнев, будучи избраны на засѣданіи Правленія Русскаго Эмигрантскаго Комитета в Шанхаѣ 15-го ноября сего года (Протокол № 8) для разсмотрѣнія постановленія Комиссіи под предсѣдательством Г. К. Бологова по дѣлу по обвиненію Г. П. Ларина в сношеніях с представителями совѣтской власти в Шанхаѣ и ознакомившись подробно со всѣми документальными данными этого дѣла, единогласно пришли к нижеслѣдующему заключенію.

1. Признать, что данное дѣло является или провокаціей со стороны мѣстных агентов совѣтской власти или шантажем со стороны нѣкоторых недостойных членов мѣстной эмигрантской колоніи, которые, преслѣдуя свои низкія цѣли не останавливаются ни перед чѣм для достиженія задуманнаго ими.

2. Признать, что обвиненіе Ларина в сношеніях с мѣстными совѣтскими властями является совершенно вздорным, ни на чем не основанным и не заслуживающим какого-либо серьезнаго вниманія.

3. В виду изложеннаго признать Ларина полноправным членом мѣстной эмигрантской колоніи и считать его совершенно оправданным от каких-либо обвиненій по данному дѣлу.

4. Настоящее свое заключеніе представить на утвержденіе Русскому Эмигранскому Комитету в Шанхаѣ.

Н. А. Иванов.
Полк. Д. В. Кочнев.
Поручик Д. Б. Ланин.

Правленіе Русскаго Эмигрантскаго Комитета, разсмотрѣв резолюцію единогласно постановило признать ее принятой, считать дѣло Г. П. Ларина закрытым и опубликовать эту резолюцію в шанхайской эмигрантской прессѣ.

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Консульство СССР в ..... № ..... 193 г.

Фамилия, имя, отчество Name in full	Ларин Георгий Павлович
Год и место рождения Date & place of birth	24 августа 1900, г. Оренбург
Гражданство (прежде и теперь) Citizenship (before & now)	Российское. Эмигрант.
Семейное положение. Single or married	Женат.
Образование, основная профессия Education principal profession	Окончил Военное училище и Хабаровский Кадетский корпус.
Цель поездки, куда и на какой срок Reason of journey, where to and for how long	На постоянное жительство в Москву.
Куда и по какому документу выехал из СССР и через какой погранпункт When and by what document have you departed from USSR, and through which frontier.	В 1922 г. отступил в Китай вместе с частями белой армии.
Последнее местожительство в СССР (России) Your last dwelling place in USSR (Russia)	Г. Владивосток — Русский остров.
К какой политич. партии принадлежали To which political party did you belong.	Сочувствую ВКП(б).
Имеются ли в СССР родственники и их точный адрес Have you any relatives in USSR and their exact address.	Отец, Ларин Павел Кузьмич, жена Ларина Софья Евгеньевна, братья Николай и Владимир. Адреса мне не известны

Сообщая о себе вышеуказанные сведения прошу разрешить мне въезд в СССР

Informing you of the above about myself, I beg .....

Подпись
Signature Г. П. Ларин

Адрес за границей
Address abroad Китай

9, Rue Paul Henry, Flat 8, Шанхай.

Заключение консула:

г. Ерин Георгий Павлович.

24-го августа 1900 г. Оренбург.

Российск. Гражданин.

Женат.

Окончил Военное Училище и Хабаровский Кадетский Корпус.

На постоянное жительство в Москве

Из 1921 год отступил в Китай вместе с частями Белой Армии.

г. Владивосток. Русский остров.

Сотрудник В.К.Н. (Б.)

Отец Павел Ерин, мать Софья Ефимовна, братья Николай и Владимир.

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Госпитека.

подписавшийся Ларин Георгий Павлович, настоящим заявляю, что, начиная с 1918 г., я вел активную борьбу против Советской власти. Мне казалось, что я делал большое патриотическое дело для своей родины.

Видя всю бесцельность своей борьбы против СССР, я хочу работой на благо своей родины искупить свою вину и быть честным советским гражданином. В доказательство своей искренности я обещаю честно боротьбся со всеми врагами своей родины — белогвардейцами и японцами, всячески разоблачая их вредную работу.

Г. П. Ларин.

Гор. Шанхай.

11го января 1937 г.

Секретно.

А К Т.

1937 года Октября 2-го дня гор. Ш А Н Х А Я. Мы, нижеподписавшіеся, составили настоящій Акт о нижеслѣдующем: Сего числа Предсѣдатель Совѣта Директоров Русскаго Общества Взаимнаго Кредита Полковник Г.К.Бологов, на основаніи письма, полученнаго им от Предсѣдателя Правленія Русскаго Общества Взаимнаго Кредита Г.П.Ларина от 2-го сего Октября, пригласил нижепоименованных членов Общества Взаимнаго Кредита-общественно политических дѣятелей города Шанхая на частное совѣщаніе.-

Открыв таковое, Полковник Г.К.Бологов зачитал письмо Предсѣдателя Правленія Русскаго Общества Взаимнаго Кредита Г.П.Ларина, его письмо на имя членов Національно-Трудового Союза Новаго Поколѣнія в Шанхаѣ г.г.Рубанова и Чумакова и отвѣт послѣдняго на имя Г.П.Ларина и выяснил причину сей переписки и выслушал об,ясненія Г.П.Ларина. Сущность обвиненія представителями НТСНП Г.П.Ларина заключается в том, что членами означеннаго союза Г.П.Ларину был пред,явлен фотографическій снимок с анкеты в Совѣтское Консульство в Шанхаѣ, будто бы поданный туда Г.П.Лариным на предмет полученія разрѣшенія на возвращеніе в Совѣтскій Союз. Откуда, как и кѣм доставлен г.г.Рубанову и Чумакову этот документ,-послѣдніе не указали. ~~Об,ясненія, данныя Г.П.Лариным собравшимся нижепоименованным общественно-политическим дѣятелям их удовлетворили~~ и совершенно безспорно, что мы имеем здѣсь дѣло с злостной провокаціей, направленной против Г.П.Ларина, в цѣлях нанесенія ему моральнаго, а быть может и матеріальнаго удара и дискредитированія его имени, как крупнаго общественно ~~политическаго дѣятеля.~~

Удовлетворяя ходатайство Г.П.Ларина нижеподписавшіеся ПОСТАНОВЛЯЮТ:

1/.Образовать слѣдственную комиссію из членов Русскаго Общества Взаимнаго Кредита и общественно-политических дѣятелей в составѣ:- Полковника Г.К.Бологова, Д.К.Густова, Г.В.Голубева, П.М.Зайцева, М.М. Иконникова, В.М.Кедроливанскаго, А.А.Пурина и В.В.Федуленко.

2/.Избрать предсѣдателем слѣдственной комиссіи Полковника Г.К.Бологова и секретарем ея А.А.Пурина.

3/.Просить Представителя Русской Эмиграціи в Шанхаѣ К.Э.Мецлера утвердить состав этой слѣдственной комиссіи и лично принять в ней участіе или делегировать в ея состав своего представителя.

4/.Расширить состав слѣдственной комиссіи за счет включенія в ея состав представителей от общественно политических организацій г. Шанхая.

5/.Приступить к слѣдствію по выясненію дѣятельности обвиняемаго Г.П.Ларина и обвинителей представителей НТСНП г.г.Рубанова, Чумакова и прочих связанных с этим дѣлом лиц.

6/.О ходѣ слѣдствія держать в курсѣ Представителя Русской Эмиграціи г.Шанхая К.Э.Мецлера и просить его оказывать слѣдственной комиссіи буде в таковой встрѣтится надобность, свое содѣйствіе.-

Предсѣдатель Совѣщанія:

Члены Совѣщанія:-

The above is reported to be a copy of a resolution of a meeting of a group of Russian public workers in Shanghai regarding the formation of a commission for the purpose of investigation of allegations made against Mr. G.P. Larin. The meeting was held on 2-10-37 at the request of Mr. Larin.

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Date April 14, 19 37.

Subject Activities of F. A. Karmaleyeff, Soviet employee.

Made by D.S.I. Prokofiev. Forwarded by T Boyne D.S.I.

On April 7, 1937 information was received to the effect that Mr. G.P. Larin, member of the General Committee of Russian Emigrants' Association at Shanghai, had been approached by an unknown Russian male with a view to inducing him to work secretly on behalf of the local Soviet authorities. At the request of the unknown Larin agreed to meet him again at 5.30 p.m. on April 8 at the New Kiesling Cafe, 1001 Bubbling Well Road. At the same time he informed the undersigned of the time and place of the meeting, as well as of the intentions of the unknown.

Arrangements were made by this section to keep a discreet watch at the time and place appointed in order to establish the identity of the unknown Russian.

The individuals in question came to the cafe at about 6 p.m. on April 8. Upon leaving the place half an hour later the unknown Russian was followed by (C.D.C.s 199 and 281) who traced him to 453 Avenue Joffre where he took a lift to the 4th floor. He was subsequently identified as F.A. Karmaleyeff, employee of the local branch of the EXPORTHLEB, 2 Peking Road, (a Soviet concern).

It appears that Karmaleyeff called on Larin on April 6 and handed him a "letter of introduction" from a certain B. N. Kurbatoff, former employee of the Shanghai branch of the Centrosojus, who is in the U.S.S.R. at present. While in Shanghai Kurbatoff resided at 1173 Bubbling Well Road, where Larin also resided at that time. During the course of the interview, Karmaleyeff gave Larin to understand that the latter's political activities directed against the Soviet Government were known to the local Soviet authorities and that it would be better for Larin and his family (including his parents in the U.S.S.R.) to

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discontinue these activities and to work for the Soviet Government. He played on Larin's patriotic sentiments pointing out various dangers threatening their common Motherland and described the alleged revival of Russian nationalism in the U.S.S.R. As an instance of the latter he mentioned the fate of Zinovieff and other former leaders of the Russian Communist Party who had been sentenced to death for high treason. Larin denied his participation in activities directed against the Soviet Government, whereupon Karmaleyeff repeated rather sternly his advice to discontinue any anti-Soviet activities.

Larin, a former junior cossack officer, has been residing in Shanghai since 1923. Among the local Russian community he has the reputation of an honest and straightforward person. Some time ago rumours were current that he was connected with the "Brotherhood of Russian Truth," a Russian secret national-patriotic organization, members of which are reported to have been responsible for many terrorist acts in the U.S.S.R. directed against the communist government. It was this part of Larin's alleged political activities, that particularly interested Karmaleyeff who, in return for information regarding the activities of the said organization, promised Larin a generous remuneration.

Fedor Arsenievitch KARMALEYEFF, 36, Soviet citizen, first came to the notice of this section following his arrival in Shanghai from Moscow via Japan on May 19, 1935 in the s.s. "Empress of Asia." He was accompanied by his wife, Mrs. L. Karmaleyeff, and their son, 11 years of age. In Shanghai Karmaleyeff has been attached to the EXPORTHLEB as manager of the ~~Technical Department.~~ He resided at House 133, Lane 591

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Bubbling Well Road until about November, 1936, when he removed to 453 Avenue Joffre, his present address.

Karmaleyeff's attempt to secure the services of a local "white" Russian resident in the capacity of a secret agent is but another instance showing that the activities of local Soviet employees are not always limited to their respective official duties. The rather blunt and tactless manner in which he carried out his mission may indicate that he intends to return to the U.S.S.R. shortly and, therefore, did not mind exposing himself in case of a failure of his attempt. In this connection it should be pointed out that in the majority of cases Soviet employees in Shanghai are, as a rule, recalled to the U.S.S.R. after two years' service.

G. Prokofiew
D. S. I.

C.P.

D.C. (Special Branch)

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Section 2, Special Branch.

REPORT

Date May 21. 1935.

Subject Arrival of F. Karmalejeff, Soviet employee.

Made by D.S. Tcheremshansky Forwarded by B. B. Everett D.C.

Theodore (Fedor) Karmalejeff, 34, Soviet citizen, arrived at Shanghai from Moscow via Japan on May 19, 1935, by s.s. "Empress of Asia". He is in possession of Passport No.19424/205388 issued in Moscow by the Moscow District Executive Committee, which bears a Chinese visa issued on March 24, 1935. In the Alien Declaration Form Karmalejeff stated that he arrived at Shanghai to work in the local branch of the Centrosojus (England) Ltd. He is accompanied by his wife Mrs. Ludmila Karmalejeff, 30, and their son Jury, 9 years of age.

The address of Karmalejeff has not yet been ascertained.

J Tcheremshansky
D. S.

Deputy Commissioner (Special Branch).

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KARMALEYEFF, Fedor Arseniévitch
Attached to the EXPORTHLEB as manager of the
Technical Dept.
Connected with "Brotherhood of Russian Truth".

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LARIN, Georgy Pavlovich
Chairman of Governing Board of Russian Mutual Credit Corp.

RUBANOFF, C. L.

CHUMAKOFF, C. V.